

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 238

By Crowe

A RESOLUTION relative to the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial.

WHEREAS, the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) public charitable organization, is authorized by United States Public Law 106-348 to establish a memorial on federal land in the District of Columbia to honor veterans who have, or who will, become disabled while serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, and

WHEREAS, the memorial will honor the more than three million living disabled veterans in the United States today, as well as past and future generations of disabled heroes, for their courage and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the memorial will be the first national monument in our nation's history dedicated to disabled veterans, who must live with the consequences of their sacrifice in the defense of American freedom every day of their lives; and

WHEREAS, for these forgotten heroes, the memorial will ensure that they have their own place of honor in the nation's capital; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial is to represent a common experience, serve as an honor and salute, and to elevate our collective conscience on a national level; and

WHEREAS, the memorial will serve to educate the American public that their freedom often comes at a very high price; and

WHEREAS, the memorial will serve to remind the members of the United States Congress that they have an obligation to provide adequately for those who have given so much to protect our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation is seeking contributions from all fifty states in an amount equal to one dollar (\$1.00) for each veteran who is a resident of the state and who served, or who is serving, in the Armed Forces of the United States; and

WHEREAS, several states have already introduced legislation to participate in this "dollar-per-veteran" campaign, and an ever-increasing number of states have subsequently passed legislation to provide for their portion of the funds sought under this campaign; and

WHEREAS, according to the United States "Veterans' Benefits Administration Annual Report for fiscal year 2006," it is estimated that 512,156 veterans who served in the Armed Forces of the United States proudly call the State of Tennessee home; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting, proper, and an honor for this Body to offer its support of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial to honor of our disabled veterans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this General Assembly hereby expresses its full-fledged support for the construction of the American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial in Washington, D.C. We also offer our gratitude and appreciation to the Disabled Veterans' LIFE Memorial Foundation for its meritorious efforts in making this worthy project a reality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.